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REPLY TO

ATTN OF: James G. Powers, Director, Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation

SUBJECT: Analysis of Justification of Mission Need (CD-0) for the Brookhaven Area Office Center for Functional Nanomaterials

TO: Robert G. Card, Under Secretary for Energy, Science, and the Environment

As required by the Deputy Secretary's memorandum of November 15, 2001 (subject: Project Acquisition Plans and Critical Decisions), the Office of Program Analysis and Evaluation has completed an independent assessment of the subject CD-0. Our analysis has determined that this nanoscience project is mission critical and furthers the capabilities of basic science to work at the molecular level. Nanotechnology, while still in its early developmental stages, is recognized by the international, academic, scientific, government, and private industry to provide profound impacts to society, the economy, and national security.

Our recommendation is that the Acquisition Executive approve this CD-0.

Should you need additional information, please contact Ann Morimizu, in my office at (202) 586-0381.

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